

Harry Morris Memorial

The City of West Des Moines Firefighter Memorial was started nearly 20 years ago by the Harry Morris family with the very first donation. The Memorial is dedicated to honor the memory of firefighters who have unselfishly served the City of West Des Moines and our fire department.

There are two sections on the Memorial to honor these firefighters. One is for non-service deaths, and the other is for line of duty deaths, in which we pray that the wall remains blank.

Sadly, in the United States, over 100 firefighters lose their lives in the line of duty each year. It also goes without saying, that each West Des Moines firefighter sees a portion of our Memorial subtly dedicated to the 343 New York firefighters who lost their lives in 2001.

## HISTORY

One of the challenges in a firefighter's life is the loss of a fellow firefighter. We celebrate this year as we do not have any names to place on the wall.

So today, we gather together to remember the lives and friendships of those firefighters previously honored. This service is not only about the lives lost, but also celebrating the efforts of these firefighters who made this department stronger and the community that they served safer. Through dedication, tradition, and pagentry, we honor the families and our firefighters on this Memorial.

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Harry Morris  
Jack Morris  
Ray Manon  
John McGinn  
Bob Chandler  
Bob Gardner  
Doug Shank  
Randy Bracken  
Steve Rodish

Charles Morris  
Lloyd Nelson  
Eddie Murrillo  
TJ Szwarc  
Tom Boots  
Doug Hagen  
Frank Ferrari  
Tim Hufford

Welcome  
(Chief Cox)

Posting of the Colors  
(Color Guard)

National Anthem

Remembering:  
All Former Firefighters  
(Lt. Elliott)

"Ring of the Fire Bell and  
"Striking of the Four Fives"

Closing and Museum  
(Lt. Elliott)

## PROGRAM

# West Des Moines Fire Department 2013 Memorial Ceremony Honoring the Memory of Those We Have Lost

Sunday, October 6, 2013  
1:00pm Station 18

